

the room in the race, that certainly I want to do everything I can for them. I offer it on behalf of the Democrats because Lieutenant Governor Whelan can't get very many to run for that particular position and I thought maybe we could offer an incentive and get more Democrats in the race, so I offer this to you as a bipartisan amendment and urge its adoption.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Mills. Is this speaking to the amendment, Senator Mills?

SENATOR MILLS: I will try to.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: All right. Proceed.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Lewis, of course, has good ideas at times and then there are times like these. His idea is of course, laudable in trying to see that there are other candidates come forth, but a difference, Senator Lewis, in \$3,000 is again an auctioneering method and I see that there was no problem, Senator Lewis, in finding, we see one, two, three, possibly four, candidates that were even interested at \$25,000, so I would assume that we should leave it as it is written in the bill, leave it as the Committee has seen fit to bring it forward with no amendments and congratulate all of those who are paying their filing fee of one percent of \$25,000 only to reap the benefit of \$32,000 in the future. There may be one, two, three, four and now I see five possibilities, but I would urge you to not adopt Senator Lewis' motion because they should be consistent as they are presented in the bill.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: A question of Senator Lewis.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Lewis, will you respond?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes, sir.

SENATOR MURPHY: Frank, are you inferring that unlike the Republican party, the Democrats can be bought?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: You don't have to answer that, Senator Lewis, if you don't want to.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Murphy has more experience in that field than I do because of his age and his past background.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: I hope the record disregards that. All right. Any further discussion on the Frank Lewis amendment to LB 541? If not, Senator Lewis, would you close?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, I'm wounded that Senator Mills would get up when I try to offer something on behalf of the members of this body, since half of them are running for this office, since I was trying to do something for the Democratic party and because of those tremendous remarks made against me and the power that Senator Mills always holds, Mr. Chairman, I reluctantly withdraw that amendment.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Are you withdrawing it?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The amendment is withdrawn. Now on the bill